

THEY'RE AFTER US

RAILROAD BUILDERS ARE GETTING THICK ON LINE FROM DODGE CITY TO SOUTHWEST THIS SEASON

THREE CROWDS ARE AFTER IT

Out of the Bunch We Ought to Be Able to Get a Road Built This Year—Denver Crowd In It Now

There seems to be something of a contest on over the proposed railroad route from Dodge City to the southwest. It is a fact well established that most of the proposed railroad building in Kansas figures Dodge City largely in the deal. But just now three different outfits are figuring on a road practically on the same line, and it looks like a matter of the route being secured by the crowd that acts the quickest. Saturday a Denver crowd made an overland trip from Dodge City southwest for the purpose of selecting a route for a railroad which they claim they will build. This route is almost identically the same that the Farmers & Stockgrowers Railroad company, already incorporated, expect to build over. Mr. Sparks, who put in a good deal of time last year trying to work up an interest in this road, was with the Denver party. The route is the same also, as the one contemplated by Mr. Burns of Chicago, who has been slow in getting out here to begin operations.

With three crowds working on the project it looks like Dodge City ought to get a road built to the southwest corner of the state.

The trip proposed by the Farmers & Stockgrowers crowd, with a Dodge City committee, which was to have been made last week was postponed until this week. This crowd is further along with its plans than the others, and their plans also contemplate bringing a road from Pratt county to this point.

The list of charters already granted which was published in this paper last week, shows that there is quite a movement on in the west part of the state toward building new roads, and in all of the contemplated building, it shows that Dodge City is strictly on the map.

It is very important for the town that it should get additional roads before any of the towns west of here gets them, because some western Kansas town is bound to be a distributing point. Dodge City has the natural location, and only needs the railroad facilities to establish this town as a jobbing point.

CLASS ADDRESS

The Approaching High School Commencement, Will Be Delivered By Prof. Boynton of State University.

The graduating class of the High school for this year are making preparations for the great event, commencement. The date is to be May 8, and the exercises will be held at the Opera House. Prof. Boynton, of the Kansas State University at Lawrence, is to make the class address, and the class sermon will be delivered by Rev. M. Lee Sorey, of the Christian church of this city, on the Sunday evening preceding commencement, at 8 o'clock.

E. D. Bowen, wife, daughter and son left Tuesday for a visit in Boston. Mr. Bowen was to stop in Topeka to visit Chas. Swords, who was hurt on the road recently. Mr. Swords was not expected to last very long, and he was very anxious to see Mr. Bowen who was one of his best friends on the road here.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED

Meeting Will Be Held Tomorrow Night, and the Mayor Will Present His Message.

Last night was the first regular meeting of the new council, but for different reasons, the meeting was adjourned without taking action until Friday night. It is understood that the engineer employed by the council to make a report on the water works, will have that report here tomorrow night, and present it to the council.

The meeting will be important in a number of ways. The new mayor will make his recommendations to the council, possibly in a message of some length, the appointments are looked for, and the committees for the year will be announced.

It is to be hoped that the mayor and the council can act harmoniously as upon that depends largely the usefulness of both council and mayor. A good deal of pull hauling at the start on the matter of appointments and policies usually results in very little being accomplished. It is believed that every thing will start off harmoniously with the new mayor and council.

MR. GROBERTY HOME.

Congressman Madison's Secretary Arrived In Dodge City Last Night For The Summer.

L. G. Groberty, who has been in Washington, D. C. as Congressman Madison's secretary arrived home last night, and will remain here this summer. Mr. Groberty's family will be in Washington until the schools there close, and Mr. Madison and family will probably be there a month yet, at least.

Life in Washington D. C. does not seem to have much effect on Western people, and Mr. Groberty steps back into Dodge City as natural as though he had only been away for a week, wearing Dodge City clothes, speaking Dodge City language and thinking Dodge City thoughts. Just at present he is looking after his insurance business here, writing hail insurance on Ford county wheat crops.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Wife and Daughter of S. H. Ward, Who Owns the Ward Ranch in Ford County, Burned to Death Monday.

The press dispatches Monday told of the terrible death of Mrs. Samuel Ward and little child, at their home between Leavenworth and Tonga noxie. They were the wife and child of S. H. Ward, who is well known here and who spends a part of each year on his ranch in Ford County, the ranch formerly owned by W. H. Lord.

From the reports no one knows how the accident happened. Mrs. Ward rushed from the house calling for help. Her clothing was ablaze, and when help reached her she was so badly burned that she died in a few moments. The daughter was a three-year-old child, and it was also so badly burned that it died a little later.

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TEACHERS REEMPLOYED

All City Teachers Who Were Applicants, Were Reemployed by Board of Education Monday Night.

The regular meeting of the board of education was held on Monday night of this week. Applications for superintendent and teachers were considered and the following were reemployed: S. V. Mallory, superintendent; J. E. Coe, principal of High school; Miss Kent, Latin and German department with an increase of salary of \$10 per month; Miss Hale, principal Second ward school, with an increase of \$10 per month to former salary; and in the grades: Miss Nell Soghrue and Miss Small at the Third ward, and Miss Chapman, Miss Nichols, Miss Fowler and Mrs. Prough at the Second ward building. None of the other teachers of this year were applicants for next year.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Monday Will Be Observed at Fort Dodge, Also Services on Sunday.

In compliance with general orders from National and Department Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, Victor Post and G. A. R. comrades, assisted by its patriotic associations and the school children in the home and community, all are cordially invited to meet with us in observing memorial services, May 30th and 31st, 1909.

May 30, at 2 o'clock p. m. there will be preaching at the hall by Rev. Eells from Dodge City.

May 31st, at 9 o'clock a. m., there will be Assembly call at the amusement hall to prepare for march to the cemetery.

Column Formation—First, Grand Army Colors in Front; Second, Drum Corps; Third, Flaring Squad; Fourth, Victor Post and all Comrades; Fifth, Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Flower Girls; Sixth, School Children and Visitors.

At the Cemetery—First, Around the Unknowns Grave; special G. A. R. Service commencing on page 11, Grand Army Service Book; Second, Song, Male Quartette, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground"; Third, Prayer by the Chaplain and service concluded; fourth, Reading Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg; fifth, Double Quartette; Sixth, Decorating the Graves, W. R. C. Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Flower Girls; Seventh, Reassembly and march to the pond; Eighth, Memorial Service to the Sailor Soldier Dead; Ninth, Benediction.

Afternoon Program—Assembly at the Hall at 2 o'clock p. m., sharp. First, Meeting called to order by the Chairman; Second, Invocation by the Post Chaplain; Third, "America" by the audience; Fourth, Memorial Address by Rev. Sorey of Dodge City; Fifth, Song, Double Quartette; Sixth, Benediction.

J. B. DOBINS, President Board.
A. W. SMITH, Secretary.
L. J. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

SPEED LIMIT FOR AUTOS.

Good Chance for Serious Accidents in Dodge City Unless Precautions are Taken.

There has been a good deal of reckless jamming about with autos in Dodge City in the last three months. The fact that no one has been killed can only be due to chance, and chance will not be a good protection for the future. The short blocks and narrow streets in the business part of town make a great deal of care necessary to avoid accidents. Now that the autos are thick enough to block the streets at nearly any time in the evening, and with a few such reckless drivers as there are here, it is time to put some reasonable restraint upon speed. It is understood that the matter will be taken up by the city council soon, and it should be.

"The Girl Question" drew a full house at the opera house last night, and reached the high ticket sale of the season. The company is a fine one and it gives an entertaining evening of bright snappy musical comedy that "takes" with the show goer of the present time. The show and the company is too large for a small house, but their performance was very satisfactory last night, even under the circumstances.

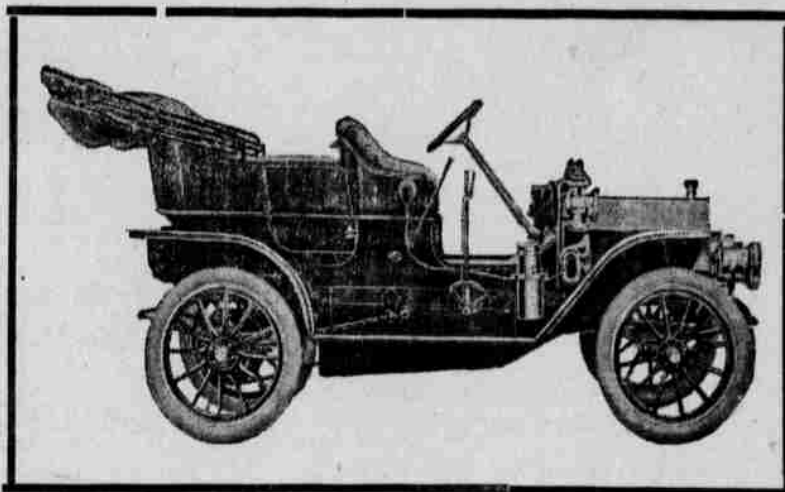
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MR. CHAPMAN VERY ILL.

Had Stroke of Paralysis on Sunday and is Still in Critical Condition.

Mr. W. H. Chapman, the well known jeweler of Dodge City, had a stroke of paralysis on last Sunday, and his friends have been very much alarmed regarding his condition since that time, but it is thought to day that he is slowly improving. One side is completely paralyzed, and although he seems to be conscious much of the time, he is unable to speak.

Mr. Chapman has been confining himself very closely to his work, and had not felt very well of late, but his present condition is something that was altogether unexpected. He is having every care and medical attention that can be given, and unless a second stroke should come, it is believed that he will gradually recover.

Farmers Attention

When you get ready to write that hail insurance, remember that we have the Connecticut. There is nothing better, pays your loss in full, no matter how small or large. L. L. TAYLOR & CO. Rooms 1-2-3-4, Opera House Block.

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DODGE CITY, KANSAS

The formal "opening" of the new Bargain store last Saturday, in spite of the day being very chilly and bad, brought a large crowd to town, many being here from a long distance. The scene inside the store, in the different departments would impress one of being in a city several times the size of Dodge City. The stock is immense, the departments numerous, and the goods were skillfully and tastefully displayed. The window decorations showed intelligent

and experienced work, and gave the store a decided city air from the outside. The new store will be a trade drawer from a distance, and in that way will be a benefit to the business interests of Dodge City in general. It has started off with a splendid trade. The sales of last Saturday ran over \$2,000.

W. S. Ford went to Newton with his mother Monday, leaving her there for a visit with her daughter.